

REMARKS

Claims 10, 20, 34, 44, and 48-55 remain pending. Claims 10, 20, 34, 44, and 48 are independent claims. Claims 10, 20, 34, and 44 have been amended. Claims 1-9, 11-19, 21-33, 35-43, and 45-47 have been cancelled without prejudice. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are hereby respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge allowance of Claims 48-55.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-9, 11-19, 21-33, 35-43, and 45-47 stand rejected under 35 USC §§ 102 or 103, as anticipated by or unpatentable over Hsu et al (US6885795). The rejections are obviated, since Claims 1-9, 11-19, 21-33, 35-43, and 45-47 have been cancelled without prejudice. No admission of non-patentability is intended, nor should such an admission be inferred.

Claim Objections

Claims 10, 20, 34, and 44 are objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim. The objections are overcome, since Claims 10, 20, 34, and 44 have each been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the respective base claim and any intervening claims. In particular: Claim 10 has been amended to include all the limitations of base Claim 1 and intervening Claim 8; Claim 20 has been amended to include all the limitations of base Claim 1 and intervening Claims 18 and 19; Claim 34 has been amended to include all the limitations of base Claim 24 and intervening Claim 32; and Claim 44 has been amended to include all the limitations of base Claim 24 and intervening Claims 42 and 43.

Conclusion

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 10, 20, 34, and 44 are in condition for allowance. Previous allowance of Claims 48-55 is acknowledged. Allowance of Claims 10, 20, 34, and 44, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date, are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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